

REMARKS

The above-noted revisions to the specification are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The revisions are submitted to more clearly refer to the U.S. application incorporated by reference in the present application in accordance with the requirements of U.S. practice. Such information was unavailable at the time of filing of the present application because the incorporated application and the present application were filed on the same day. The present application as originally filed refers to the incorporated application by its attorney docket number. No new matter is therefore included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which the Examiner may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,



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